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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA BAHRAIN
TO SECSTATE WASHINGTON DC 2923

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PLEASE PASS MCKINNEY RUSSELL, SENIOR SEMINAR IN FOREIGN POLICY,
M/FSI/SSFP

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT : CASE STUDY -- MCKINNEY RUSSELL

REFERENCE : KUWAIT 1305

1. BAHRAIN IS A RELATIVELY OIL-POOR STATE. IT PRODUCES ONLY 57,000 BPD. GIVEN REGIONAL STANDARDS IN THE PERSIAN GULF, IT IS A POOR STATE AS WELL, ALTHOUGH IT HAS MANAGED TO SOMEWHAT DIVERSIFY ITS DOMESTIC ECONOMY, BOASTING AN EFFICIENT ALUMINUM SMELTER AND A MAJOR DRY DOCK/REPAIR YARD (UNDER CONSTRUCTION), IN ADDITION TO THE OIL INDUSTRY.

2. RELATIONS WITH JAPAN ARE MINIMAL. THERE IS NO JAPANESE EMBASSY IN BAHRAIN. AND THE JAPANESE HAVE NOT BEEN EFFECTIVE IN WINNING BIDS FOR THE MANY CONSTRUCTION/DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ON-GOING HERE. TRADE HAS INCREASED IN THE PAST THREE YEARS AND JAPAN CONTINUES TO HOLD THE THIRD OR FOURTH POSITION (FOLLOWING THE UK, U.S. AND WEST GERMANY) AS A MAJOR SUPPLIER TO BAHRAIN. IN 1975 THAT TRADE AMOUNTED TO \$68 MILLION WHICH REPRESENTED 12 PERCENT OF TOTAL BAHRAINI IMPORTS. IN 1975 JAPAN IMPORTED 9.4 MILLION BARRELS OF BAHRAINI OIL, REPRESENTING 14 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ANNUAL PRODUCTION.

3. IT WAS NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR TO EMBASSY WHAT INFORMATION WAS DESIRED BY RUSSELL. IF THE ABOVE IS NOT RESPONSIVE TO HIS NEEDS, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

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